

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

**DOCKET NOS. 2020-264-E and 2020-265-E ORDER NO. 2020-123-H**

**DECEMBER 4, 2020**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER: David Butler**

**DOCKET DESCRIPTIONS:**

**Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Establishment of Solar Choice Metering Tariffs Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20 (See Docket No. 2019-170-E)**

**Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Establishment of Solar Choice Metering Tariffs Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20 (See Docket No. 2019-169-E)**

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

**Stay of Prefiling Deadline Pending Commission Ruling on New Procedural Schedule**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:**

The Companies and Stipulating Parties in these matters have filed a Joint Request for a delay in implementation of the procedural schedule for the combined Dockets, based on the belief that there is opportunity for additional collaboration that will aid the Commission in its review of the complex topics in this proceeding, and allow the evidentiary hearing to proceed more efficiently. Accordingly, the Companies and the Stipulating Parties request that the testimony deadlines and the hearing date included in the Notice of the procedural schedule issued by the Clerk's Office be held in abeyance until a new proposed procedural schedule can be submitted and reviewed by the Commission. This plan is supported also by the Office of Regulatory Staff. This overall question is clearly a matter that must be reviewed and adjudicated by the Commission. However, the Stipulating Parties point out that a testimony prefiling date of December 7, 2020 for ORS/Intervenor Direct Testimony has been established in the original procedural schedule, which, in the opinion of the Stipulating Parties, merits expedited review of the Joint Request. It is duly noted that the Commission will not be able to consider the full Joint Request until December 9, 2020 at the earliest, at its regularly scheduled business meeting.

Accordingly, the ORS/Intervenor Direct Testimony prefiling date of December 7, 2020 in these Dockets is hereby stayed until further notice. The Commission may then consider the entire proposal for revisions of procedural dates at its business meeting. This ends the Chief Hearing Officer's Directive.